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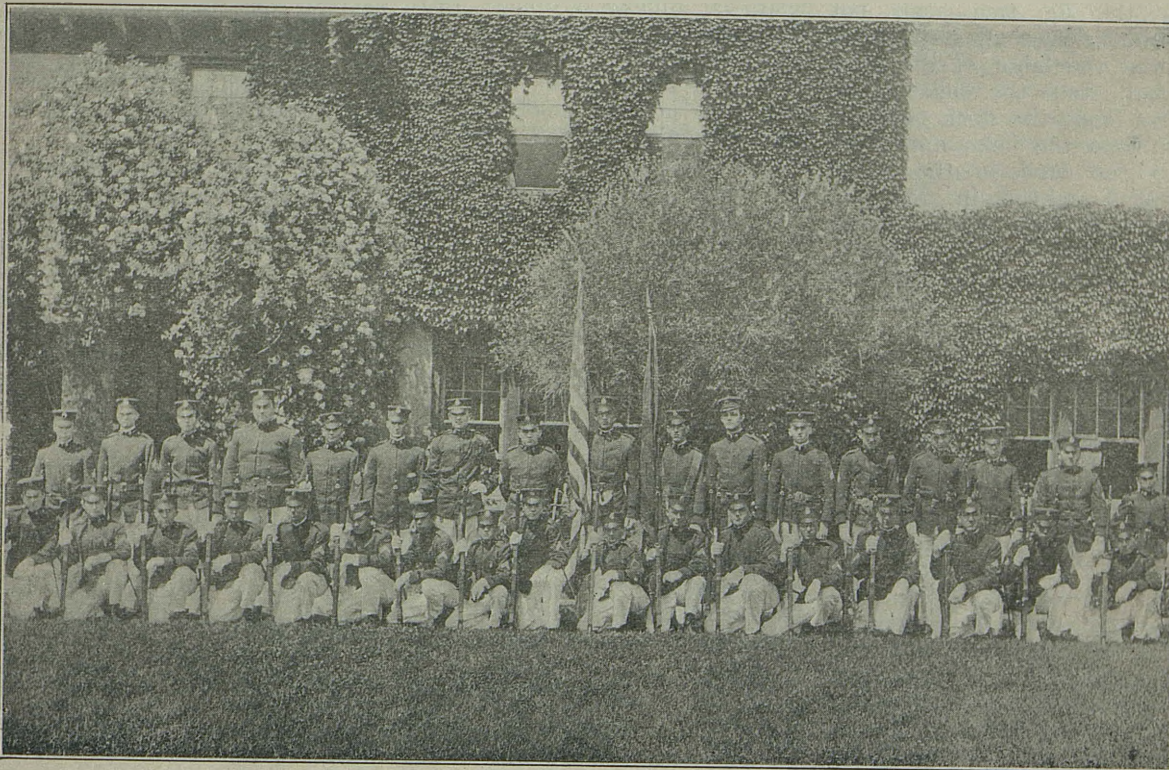
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DR. BURDETTE  
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The Challenge of Faith Hurl'd  
into the Face of Adverse  
Fate Won for South

Pastor Emeritus Robert J. Burdette yesterday preached at Temple Baptist Church on the topic "A World Defiance," taking for his text Habakkuk 3, 17-19: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food; the flock shall be cut off from the field, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in God my salvation; the Lord God is my strength; and He will make my feet like hind's feet, and will make me walk upon my high places."

He said in part:

"The mighty challenge of faith hurled like a thunderbolt into the face of adverse fate. One child of God, throwing the shield of faith across his heart, and defying the world and all the powers of desolation to move his feet from their firm stand on God, his everlasting Rock. Luther's solitary defiance of mighty church and puissant empire—'Here stand I! God help me.' John Huss chanting the Thirtieth Psalm amid the strangling flames, 'I will extol thee, O Lord! for thou hast raised me up.' Faith singing her victory in the night and storm of every disaster—in the face of defeat—in the rending-hands of destruction.

"I once actually saw such a land as Habakkuk saw in his vision. Some of you dwelt in it. It was in this United States, in 186—less than fifty years ago. The long war for the Union was over. The armies of the North had march-across the southland from the Ohio to the gulf from the Rio Grande to Charleston Harbor. The fields had been trampled in the crimson mire of battle. Blackened chimneys stood like tombstones to mark the places where

had stood the hospitable southern mansions. Trails of desolations mapped the movements of the contending hosts, sweeping back and forth in the terrible game of war. The horses on the plantations had been seized alike by friend and foe for trooper and artilleryman. The flocks and herds had been slaughtered for food. The arbitrament of the sword and the stroke of a pen had destroyed millions of dollars worth of property by transforming a slave into a man. War had levied his tax of death upon a hundred thousand homes. Southern soldiers returning broken from the war, found their homes become ash heaps, grown with weeds. The farms were fenceless. The ploughs were broken or burned. The fig tree ceased to blossom; was no fruit in the vines; the labor of the olive failed; the fields yielded no food; the flock was cut off from the field; there was no herd in the stalls. Yet over the stricken land rose the voice of an indomitable people, with the mighty intonation of deathless faith—Yet will I rejoice in Jehovah; I will joy in the God of my salvation; the Lord God is my strength. He will make my feet like hind's feet; he will make me to walk upon my high places.'

"Not fifty years ago! And five times fifty years of slave labor could never measure the wealth and prosperity of the new South, with half a century of freedom. Such conquest of her resources she never could have made otherwise. Such development of her splendid powers she had never effected. Such a magnificent empire had never been hers. Today as of old, her statesmen sit in the highest councils of the nation. Her soldiers defend the honor of the flag and lead the battalions of the Union. A son of the southland is chief justice of the supreme tribunal of all the land, honoring the seat made illustrious by Marshall of Virginia and Rutledge of South Carolina. And some day please God, Virginia will once more give us a President who will

not shame the memory of Washington and Jefferson, Madison and Monroe.

### HIGH SCHOOL PARTY

The High School students and friends gave a very enjoyable party at Central Hall, corner Vashington and Central avenue. The program was opened by a song. America. Opening address by Lewis K. Beeks, solo by Miss H. Stapler, essay on education by Miss B. Miller, vocal solo by Miss Madaline Cole, recital by John McLemore, instrumental trio by the Baker sisters and vocal solo by W. Roseman.

Ladies present were Misses Tommy Johnson, Maude Stapler, Louise Beeks, Susie Anderson, Ethel Asbury, Della Dogins, Martha Williams, Ruth Davis, Gwendolyn Baker, Myrtle Baker, Eugena Baker, Madaline Peters, Ina Berry, Madaline Cole, Leola McDonald, Maydie Gray, Clara White, Genevieve Stapler, Marie Wrenn, Homer Stapler, Mable Williams, Juanita Bailey, Lena Baber, Cora Campbell, Violet Nelson, Chrisdena Anderson, Frances Brown, Vassie Williams, Bertha Miller, Dell Gray, Gladys Owens and Bernice Wood.

Gentlemen present: Joe McLemore, Luke House, Edward Stapler, J. Endell Wilson, Wesley C. Williams, Joseph Myers, Joseph Bailey, William White, Hall Thomas, Morris Stapler, Oscar Biglow, M. Champion, Paul Williams, Clarence Brown, John McLemore, J. E. Williams, Leland Russel, Fred McNatty and Antony Sheely.

Invited guests present were: Madams, O. L. Davis, Williamson, Dora McDonald, Milton W. Lewis, Trent and Miss M. S. J. Moore.

Gentlemen present: Messrs. R. C. Owens, V. C. Kelso, P. E. Brooks, H. White, W. C. Edmonds, B. K. Edmonds, Chester Williams, Norman Cook, Casby Hunter, George Brunson, Douglass Warren and Harvey Bruce, committee of management: L. Beeks, C. Williamson and Harvey Bruce.

The whole affair was a very enjoyable one. Ice cream and cake was served.



### DR. KENCHIN'S SERMON AT WESLEY CHAPEL

Taking for his text a part of verse six, fifty-fifth chapter of Psalm; "Oh Had I Wings Like A Dove! for Then I Would Fly Away and Be at Rest." Dr. Kenchin delivered a forceful sermon at Wesley Chapel last Sunday. The sermon was strong, not only for the vivid application of the subject to the every day needs to the human family but for the manner of its delivery. In this sermon as in other of his addresses, the force of the doctor's illustrations were invincible. His story of the young eagle, captured in the mountains by a farmer, carried the subject home to his audience as nothing else could. After leaving its mountain home, the eaglet grew up with geese, hucks and chicken for its associates—environments so out of harmony with its nature and lofty disposition that it was unable to develop or display those noble qualities that make it the aerial king. The qualities of this bird that challenges the admiration of the human family must ever remain dormant and undeveloped unless given environments suitable for their development. One day the opportunity came, as the farmer stood looking through his window, he saw the eagle acting strangely and he heard a strange cry from the clouds. Looking upward, the eagle rose upon its wings; the farmer rushed out, only to see his pet eagle making circle after circle, each circle growing larger as it mounted upward until it became a speck in the sky. Then above it he saw another but a larger speck—it was the mother eagle inviting its young to a higher and nobler life, inviting it to a loftier atmosphere suitable for its full and complete development. He admonished his hearers to forsake the environments of ignorance, intemperance, evil-thinking, impure thoughts, licentiousness and the whole catagory of sins that hold down the human family and on the wings of the dove, mount to higher and nobler lives. To fly up and live in an atmosphere

made pure by the love of God.

It was a splendid sermon punctuated throughout by illustrations similar to the above. Such sermons appeal not to the emotions but develops the nobler sentiments of the human heart. They reach alike the high and the low, the learned and the ignorant. They melt a whole congregation into a common brotherhood.

### "THE EVERLASTING NEGRO"

"It is provoking," observes the New York Independent, "that whatever we want to do the negro should be everlastingly putting himself in the way to bother us. In the most unexpected ways and places he bobs up, stumbles in where he is not wanted and sets agley the wisest plans of statesmen. One has to look out for him always. If some new scheme of public reform is proposed, the first thought is 'Cherchez le negre.'"

The Independent reviews the most recent intrusion of the negro question in the Senate, where it defeated the bill for the popular elections of Senators, and concludes: "The sole reason why the negro is so everlastingly poking himself in front of every national discussion is because a dominant white oligarchy is trying to hold him unjustly in subjection in certain states. In other states where the Negro is politically just like the white man he does not bother us. It is simply because certain states shut out the Negro that the Negro jumps up and says he does not want to be shut out in the voting for Senators. If we cannot secure from Congress the privilege to elect Senators by popular vote, it is the Southern Negro, not the Northern Negro, that stands in the way. And justice is always a nuisance; it always is ready to block reform. More than half the states want the right to elect Senators by popular vote, but others refuse to allow it unless the privilege is given to shut out the Negro vote. That is the block. That is the everlasting Negro."—The Crisses.

### THE Y. M. C. A.

In pite of the numerous entertainments last Sunday, there was a good attendance at the Y. M. C. A. and the interest in its work is still growing. Rev. Kenchin delivered an address that all of the young people of the city would have done well to hear. We would like to give a complete synopsis of his address but space will not permit. His admonition to the young men to lead pure lives treating every man's sister as he would have his own sister treated, and to scorn with the bitterest scorn the reprobates who bring sorrow and everlasting shame to young women and into happy homes by their impure lives. This admonition was very timely for we have too many young men as well as old, posing as leaders who are wrecking the homes of married people and blasting the lives of pure, young girls. With ghoulish glee, they boast of the liberties they take with men's wives and daughters. As long as men who have no respect for the chastity of women are allowed to hold prominent places in our churches and societies, just so long will the moral tone of the community remain low. The man who can live any kind of a life and receive the same consideration given those who live right, has no inducement to rise out of the filthy atmosphere in which he lives and will drag down to his low level the families of the men who treat him as the equal of those whose lives are exemplary. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Dr. Kenchin's lectures have the right ring and he never entered a field that needed his services more than his present field.

The Ancient Order of F. A. A. M. tendered a banquet to their new members at their Hall on the 27th. The affair was an enjoyable one, all participants had a good time.



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Professor T. A. Green, general secretary of the Colored Y. M. C. A. and Dr. A. C. Garott, our popular dentist, are both enjoying a well earned vacation at Catalina Island. They have our best wishes for a successful trip.

The Western Amusement company has secured the services of Rev. L. M. Hagood to preach at their Hall, 1209 Central avenue, every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of Hon. Cyrus Field Adam's subscription to *The Liberator*.

## THE MAYOR AND THE POOL ROOM

That *The Liberator* is unalterably opposed to all forms of gambling, is too well known for reiteration. But since the operation of pool rooms is recognized as a mode of recreation and amusement and since permits to run such places are granted by the city, we fail to see the justice of the mayor's refusal to grant permits to colored men to run pool rooms for a amusement and recreation for negroes. The bare statement that such places run by negroes are breeding places for crime more so than when run by white men, is not born out by facts. The white men, foreigners and Japanese to whom the mayor readily grants permits to run pool rooms largely patronized by negroes are in all cases men of the lowest order. Reputable white men do not open a resort just for the accommodation of negroes. On the other hand if colored men are granted permits to run pool rooms for their own people, their own interest in their business and the good name of the race will furnish a powerful incentive to them to keep orderly places. Then too such men will know that they would have to maintain good order or go out of business on which account they would give their establishment better protection against lawlessness and crime, than perhaps the police department could furnish. It is a known fact that the negroes' moral character suffers worse when he comes in daily contact with white men of ill repute than it does at any other time. And if the mayor sincerely wishes to lessen the evils of the pool room as they affect the negro he will grant permits to negroes to run such places for negroes and hold the proprietors responsible.

It is not pool rooms we are fighting for, it is for a spirit of fair dealing and as long as negroes patronize pool rooms it is only fair and just that negroes be permitted to run them. A square deal

is all the negro wants. Shall we have it in common with all citizens of this city?

## NEGROES WHO STIR UP RACE PREJUDICE.

Some negroes have a hobby of charging all their faults and failures to race prejudice. And that same class of negroes do more to keep going the fires of race prejudice than any other class. And if the colored men living in sections where they are humanly treated as they are in this city and state, hope to maintain the kindly feeling existing between the races, they will have to muzzle the ignorant, loud-mouth negro, who makes unwise ill tempered statements against every white man because he is white and hates every decent and intelligent negro who will not encourage him in making such statements. One loud mouth, unthinking Negro who viciously attacks white people with ugly remarks will ruin the prospects of the entire membership of his race in a community.

Usually this kind of Negro associates with disreputable whites and spends all of his earnings with them, pretending that he has no use for the business and professional men of his race.

But when he has caused racial feeling to become intensified to a point that bodes physical danger to him, he immediately seeks protection for himself by hiding behind the temperate self-respecting Negro that has been a part of his abuse.

## NEGROES RESPONSIBILITY

In view of a practice so commonly used, that all negroes are held responsible for the misdeeds of the few it is up to the race to protect itself from the folly of the noisy, ignorant negro who is constantly in the public eye as a law-breaker or by making unwise speeches. In the use of the word "ignorant" we do not mean men who cannot read and write, because some of the most ignorant,



noisy trouble makers we have to contend with, have a smattering of book learning but have no knowledge of the responsibilities of a citizen or the welfare of his race.

And right here we wish to call the attention of the members of the Forum that incendiary remarks made in its meetings against his own people and of other races are getting altogether too frequent. The remarks complained of are always made by thoughtless, irresponsible members. The fact that their speeches go unchallenged throws the responsibility for these unwise utterances upon the whole membership. This condition must stop.

The feeling between the races in this city is one of mutual kindness. More than 20,000 of our people are furnished with employment at good wages, and their employers contribute generously of their means to every cause for the uplift of the Negro. They furnish \$1,000 a year for the support of our Y. M. C. A. alone. They patronize all our enterprises, our newspapers, our lawyers, our doctors—and all things that the thoughtless and irresponsible negro never does unless he is forced to.

And just here *The Liberator* serves notice that it will hereafter publish all incendiary speeches delivered in the Forum with the name of the speaker.

With the hope that all will realize the folly as well as the danger of permitting such speeches to be made. We believe that those who want the racial feeling kept friendly, will encourage us in this effort. And will be pleased at our course to stop their petty attacks so frequently made.

#### HOME COOKED MEALS

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#### PRESIDENT OF THE FORUM RE-ELECTED BY A PLURALITY OF TWO VOTES—WAS ELECTED SIX MONTHS AGO BY ACCLAMATION.

The president of the Forum was keenly chagrined at the result of last Sunday's election. Six months ago he was elected president by acclamation. Last Sunday after a hot contest with all the election machinery in his hands, he was elected by a bare majority of two votes. He had four votes more than the opposition, but two of the voters had been brought in during the evening by the president's friends to save him from defeat that they regarded as almost certain. Objections to the admission of new members were raised by the opposition to put the president and friends on record. The president felt sure that he could not go in the contest for reelection without loss of dignity, but the men who had made his administration a howling disgrace by habitually offering insults to the body, insisted that his failure to run was equal to desertion of them. Then, too, they called the attention of the president to the fact that he had hold of the horns of a delima. To refuse to run would be to desert his friends in the hour of their sorest needs which was death. If he ran and was defeated, it meant sudden death, if elected, it was gradual death so the Forum by majority of two votes decided to give him gradual death.

The disgrace that has overtaken the Forum is not due to any real meanness on the part of the president, but the fact that he has allowed three or four double minded men, possessing no sense of propriety to make use of the Forum with his protection to insult, malign and scandalize every person whose good character they happen to dislike.

The president can still redeem himself if he makes up his mind to treat all members of the Forum alike. Whether he has the strength of character necessary to protect

all members of the Forum in the exercise of their rights, is entirely up to him. It is the president who will succeed or fail, not the Forum. We assure the president that he will have the support of *The Liberator* in every effort he puts forth to maintain order and decorum.

The disgraceful scene that marked the closing of the Forum last Sunday, would have disgraced the proceedings of a lime kiln club. The president's failure to enforce order and allow an officer of the Forum to make a statement was responsible for the whole disgraceful scene.

During the evening's debate a young man, who has no more respect for a man's character and good name than we have for a skunk, made insinuating references to Mr. Snell's character. After the business of the meeting was over, the chair consented for Mr. Snell to make a statement to which he was entitled as gentleman and member of the Forum. In spite of the fact that the members of the Forum sat perfectly quiet, eager to hear Mr. Snell's statement and for whom they entertain the highest regard, two young men rose as they usually do in such cases and prevented him from making a statement to the disgust of the audience, by raising points of order when there were no points to be raised. The president, lending them his aid by entertaining them, refusing the protection of the speaker that he as presiding officer, owed to the speaker and members. This brought about the disorder that the president's friends wanted and to which he lent his aid as presiding officer. The Forum arose in a body and showed their utter contempt for the president by refusing to allow the chaplain to pray. If the president enjoys such proceedings, the Forum can stand it as well during the next six months as it did during the last. Whether the Forum shall have order or disorder is up to the president.



**REV. D. L. McMICKENS**  
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The East Eighth street Christian Church of Los Angeles, California has secured the services of Elder D. L. McMickens of Xenia, Ohio as pastor.

Brother McMickens attended public school in South Carolina and Arkansas, graduating from



Rev. D. L. McMickens

the Louisville Christian Bible school in 1904; since then he has been actively engaged at work in Kentucky and Ohio. He begins his work here July 16th by holding a revival meeting at the church, 1223 East Eighth street at 11: a. m. and 8 p. m. every evening except Saturday. Come and hear him.

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We witnessed a few of the Doctor's demonstrations and regard them as something wonderful.

Editor

The Wesley Chapel Literary Society entertained with an enjoyable literary program last Friday evening. There was present an audience twice the size of the usual. Dr. Kenchin delivered a short address after which refreshments consisting of ice cream and cakes were served.

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On one entire side of the park is a fine grove of trees which furnish ample shade for the picnics. In the evenings darkness is turned to day by a flood of light from hundreds of electric light bulbs.

The Elks have employed Eggleston's band of twenty pieces and will furnish band concerts where our people who seek a place of rest and enjoyment between the noon and night church services, may take their families and have a few hours of enjoyable rest. The usual custom is to visit one of the city parks where you are embarrassed every time you approach a refreshment counter, the owners not wanting to serve you.

No dancing is allowed at the park on Sunday evening and there is always perfect order. The management of the park is in the hands of some of our best citizens which is a guarantee of good order and enjoyment at all times. As the park and all of its equipment are in the hands of our own people, picnics will be free from embarrassments at all times. We sincerely hope that our churches, Sunday schools and other civic bodies will appreciate the necessity of this pleasure ground and make

the venture a success by lending it their patronage and encouragement.

**ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST**

The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Convention of the Western Baptist Association convened at the Second Baptist church. The Convention was one of the most successful in its history. Every Sunday school in Southern California being represented except San Diego. The growth in membership of the Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U. has been rapid and the coming years bid fair to add impetus to the forward movement.

Mr. B. C. Offut of Pasadena, has opened a general carpenter and repair shop in this city.

Mr. J. H. Hill of 982 North 27th avenue, Omaha, Nebraska, is spending a few days in the city. He visited Seal Garden Park last Sunday evening and was so elated over its acquisition by the Elks that he treated the band and all the picnics to a free ride on the merry-go-round. He said that the Elks deserved the encouragement of the race for leasing the park for its benefit so he set the example by paying for rides for all.

**PRE-NUPTIAL CHINA SHOWER**

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